

ABSTRACT

WEB MARKING SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Apparatus for and a method of marking a web 10 advancing along a path
5 includes a monitoring station 11 at which the web 10 is observed and including a
signal generator arranged to produce an appropriate mark signal on detecting a
location to be marked as well as the nature of the required mark. A tab applicator 20
is disposed downstream of the monitoring station for applying an adhesive tab 34 to
the web in a timed relationship to the advancement of the web so as to adhere the tab 34
10 to the required location on the web. The tab applicator includes an online printer
receiving a signal from the signal generator, whereby an applied tab may carry
appropriate indicia for the location being marked.